# EQUIANGULAR LINES

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Thus by Ramsey's theorem it has a large red clique Y. Note that we can take  $|Y| \rightarrow \infty$  as slowly as we need.



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# Now project $S_Y$ onto the orthogonal complement of Y.

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